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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the Year 1963

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To the Chairman and Members of the Hartley Wintney Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your information and consideration the Annual Report for the year, 1963, prepared according to the directions of the Minister of Health.

Points of note in the vital statistical figures are a relatively small increase of 510 in the estimated mid-year population, a considerable increase in the birth rate with a decrease in both the death and infant mortality rates. 1963 was a measles year and so the number of notified cases of infectious diseases showed a great increase over the previous year. No case of diphtheria nor of poliomyelitis was recorded.

As in previous years the routine work of protecting young children against the preventable diseases of smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis continued to be carried out and thanks are due to the private medical practitioners for their help in this connection.

I am grateful to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their encouragement and help, to Mr. Broadhurst, Clerk of the Council, to Mr. Davies, Chief Public Health Inspector and the staff of the Health Department for their ready assistance enabling me to carry out my duties.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. COUTTS MILNE.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area.....	50,261 acres.
Population.....	27,460
Number of inhabited houses (Domestic) ..	7,408
Sum represented by penny rate (1963/64)	£4,045
Rateable value as at 1st April, 1963...	£787,418
Rateable value as at 31st March, 1964..	£976,484
General Rate (1963/64).....	7s.6d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.....	608
Live birth rate per 1,000 population.....	23.26
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births.....	5.3
Still-births.....	12
Still-births rate per 1,000 live and still births	19.3
Total live and still-births.....	620
Infant deaths.....	6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	
- total.....	9.9
" " " " " - Legitimate.....	9.9
" " " " " - Illegitimate...	Nil
Neonatal (first 4 weeks) rate per 1,000 live births.....	3.3
Early neonatal mortality rate (deaths under one week).....	3.3
Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under one week combined).....	22.6
Maternal deaths (including abortion).....	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births.....	Nil
Comparability factors.....births.....	1.05
deaths.....	0.93

Population.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population figure is 27,460 showing an increase of 510 over the estimate for the previous year, being less than half the increase in 1962; of this increase 288 was contributed by the excess of births over deaths.

The full County report from the 1961 Census for Hampshire was published in December, 1963, and certain information therein would appear to be of general interest. There were 2,895 persons aged 65 years and over being 11.4 per cent of the population compared with 13.5 per cent in the County and 11.9 per cent in England and Wales.

There were 1,470 one or two person households in the district containing persons of pensionable age. These households contained 2,025 persons of pensionable age which is 57 percent of all such persons in the district. Among these persons 81 men and 402 women were living alone; 915 persons lived in two person households containing one person of pensionable age and 1,110 persons lived in two person households where both persons were of pensionable age.

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Live births (Legitimate...)	308	268	576	515	402
(Illegitimate...)	14	18	32	20	23
Birth rate per 1,000 population (Crude)...			22.15	16.1	16.57
Ditto (Standardised).....			23.26	17.7	18.23
England and Wales.....			18.2	18.0	17.4

<u>DEATHS.</u>					
Deaths from all causes....	149	171	320	307	284
Death rate per 1,000 population (Crude)...			11.3	11.0	11.1
Ditto (Standardised).....			10.5	10.8	11.2
England and Wales.....			12.2	11.9	12.0

Maternal Deaths.

From all causes.....	Nil	Nil	Nil
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Deaths of Infants Under 1 Year.

Legitimate.....	5	1	6	13	3
Illegitimate.....	-	-	-	1	-
Rate per 1,000 total live births.....			9.9	26.2	7.06
Rate for England and Wales			20.9	20.7	21.4

Deaths of Infants Under 4 Weeks of Age.

Legitimate.....	2	-	2	8	3
Illegitimate.....	-	-	-	-	-

Deaths of Infants Under 1 Week of Age.

Legitimate.....	2	-	2	7	3
Illegitimate.....	-	-	-	-	-

Still-Births.

Legitimate.....	5	6	11	6	6
Illegitimate.....	-	1	1	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births....			19.3	11.9	13.9
Rate for England and Wales			17.3	18.1	18.7

Analysis of Causes of Death.

	Male	Female	Total	1962	1961
T.B. Respiratory.....	1	-	1	1	-
T.B. Other.....	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease.....	1	-	1	-	1
Other infection and parasitic diseases...	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - stomach.....	7	6	13	2	4
lungs.....	9	1	10	7	6
breast.....	-	4	4	7	3
uterus.....	-	2	2	1	-
Other malignant diseases.....	12	17	29	28	16
Leukaemia.....	2	3	5	-	1
Diabetes.....	2	2	4	-	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system.....	20	29	49	45	35
Coronary disease.....	36	23	59	38	49
Hypertension.....	1	1	2	9	5
Other heart diseases.....	17	21	38	42	50
Other circulatory.....	5	9	14	10	14
Influenza.....	-	4	4	14	6
Pneumonia.....	10	16	26	24	14
Bronchitis.....	8	4	12	12	7
Other diseases of the respiratory system.....	4	1	5	1	3
Ulcers of stomach and duodenum..	-	1	1	4	7
Gastritis and Enteritis.....	1	-	1	2	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	-	3	3	1	4
Hyperplasia of Prostate.....	-	-	-	3	-
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion...	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformation.....	1	1	2	2	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases...	5	18	23	31	36
Motor vehicle accidents.....	3	2	5	9	12
All other accidents.....	3	2	5	12	7
Suicide.....	1	1	2	2	1
	149	171	320	307	284

Causes of Deaths.

The commonest causes of death were diseases of the circulatory system, followed by cancer and vascular lesions of the nervous system. Of the 28 cancer deaths in men 9 were due to lung cancer. The publication of the American report on smoking and health in early 1964 again focussed attention on the importance of cigarette smoking as a cause of lung cancer, the risk increasing with the duration of smoking and with the number of cigarettes smoked daily and being diminished by stopping smoking. The report stressed that smoking is a health hazard of sufficient importance to warrant remedial action. On the other hand according to a Commonwealth Economic Committee report British smokers are estimated to have spent a record £1,285 million on tobacco products in 1963 representing 7 per cent of total consumer expenditure in the United Kingdom.

It is well recognised that there is considerable disparity in the survival rate of older men and women; in this district 40 men dying between the ages of 45 and 64 years compared with 24 women in the same age group. This disparity lends weight to a comment in a recent Ministry of Health report on Health Education that middle aged men as a group appear to be specially in need of health education; their health habits are probably worse now than they were 40 years ago, the improvement in their expectation of life has been slow and much less marked than among women. Certainly it is not easy to persuade adult males to modify their habits in regard to cigarette smoking, the taking of more daily exercise and curbing a tendency to obesity.

NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

General.

The chief feature of the returns of infectious diseases in England and Wales during 1963 was the high level of measles and whooping cough and the record low levels of poliomyelitis and diphtheria. The incidence of poliomyelitis has fallen to about one fifth of the level prevailing before the 1947 outbreak when 8,592 cases were notified during the year. Enteric fever showed an increase, accounted for in part by imported cases from Zermatt, Switzerland, in the early spring. Whooping cough showed a four fold increase over 1962; why this should be so is not clear in view of the continued and presumably increased use of triple vaccines. One possible explanation suggested by Dr. Preston of Manchester is that the infecting bacterium may now be different serologically from the organism with which children are being immunised.

This district experienced the usual biennial epidemic of measles with most of the cases occurring during the second and third quarters of the year. 13 of the cases occurred in children under the age of one year.

Not since 1957 have so many cases of whooping cough (28) been notified. Half the cases were aged between one and four years old and 21 of the 28 cases were girls.

No case of food poisoning was notified but one family outbreak - involving three members of the family - of salmonella brandenburg infection not food borne and one single case of salmonella wangata came to notice of the Department. In neither instance could the source of infection be traced.

<u>NOTIFICATIONS.</u>	<u>1963.</u>	<u>1962.</u>	<u>1961.</u>
T. B. Pulmonary.....	6	8	8
T. B. Non-Pulmonary.....	2	-	-
Dysentery.....	9	4	2
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	9
Scarlet Fever.....	8	1	2
Erysipelas.....	2	2	3
Pneumonia.....	7	1	2
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	2	2	4
Whooping Cough.....	28	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.....	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Corrected).....	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic).....	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic).....	-	-	-
Measles.....	548	35	643
Malaria.....	-	-	1
	612	53	674

Tuberculosis.

Seven new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year as compared with eight in 1962.

The age and sex distribution of the notified cases are :-

Age.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F
Under 5.	-	-	-	-
5 - 14.	-	-	-	1
15- 24.	1	-	-	-
25- 44.	-	1	-	1
45- 64.	3	1	-	-
65 and over.	1	-	-	-
TOTAL.	5	2	-	2

B.C.G. vaccination of 13 year old school children giving protection against tuberculosis was offered to children attending private schools as well as to those attending the county schools.

The work done during 1963 is summarised in the following table :-

- (a) Number of children offered vaccination..... 333
- (b) Number of children accepting vaccination and tuberculin tested..... 290 - 87% of (a)
- (c) Number tuberculin positive..... 39 - 13% of (b)
- (d) Number vaccinated..... 242 - 73% of (a)

Immunisation and Vaccination Procedures.

The immunisation of children against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus and of their vaccination against poliomyelitis and smallpox continued to be a major concern of the Health Department. It needs be remembered that the absence of serious infectious disease should not be allowed to lull us into an attitude of complacency and there is still need to raise the rates of immunisation as near to 100 per cent as possible.

During the year on the advice of the Standing Medical Advisory Committee for the Ministry of Health the use of F.T. and T.A.F. as antigens in diphtheria immunisation was discontinued and the following antigens are now kept in stock :-

- (1) Triple antigen for primary immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.
- (2) Alum precipitated diphtheria toxoid for primary or re-inforcing doses.
- (3) Combined Diphtheria/Tetanus alum precipitated toxoid for immunising children to whom the administration of whooping cough vaccine is considered unnecessary or undesirable.

The following table shows the number immunised during the year :-

Number of children who completed a course of primary immunisations and who received reinforcing injections.										
Children born in the years :-	Diphtheria only		Diphtheria and Wh. Cough		Triple Antigen		Whooping Cough only		Diphtheria and Tetanus.	
	P	B	P	B	P	B	P	B	P	B
1963.	-	-	-	-	185	-	-	-	-	-
1962.	-	-	-	-	301	7	-	-	-	-
1961.	-	-	-	-	25	13	-	-	1	-
1960.	-	-	-	-	5	9	-	-	-	-
1959.	-	1	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	1
1954-58.	15	213	-	-	4	104	-	-	-	58
1949-53.	-	38	-	-	1	12	-	-	-	6
TOTALS.	15	252	-	-	522	152	-	-	1	65

P = Primary.

B = Booster.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

For poliomyelitis vaccination the vaccine of choice is the sabin type oral vaccine which has proved both safe and effective. Many countries have reported marked reduction of the incidence of poliomyelitis following the use of the oral vaccine. Last year there were only 78 cases of acute poliomyelitis in England and Wales, the lowest number for many years and there seems little doubt that the immunisation campaign which was begun in 1956 played a major part in bringing this about.

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated during 1963 :-

<u>AGE GROUP.</u>	SALK VACCINE.	ORAL VACCINE.
(a) Children born in 1963.	16	72
(b) Children born in 1962.	44	303
(c) Children born in 1961.	34	111
(d) Children and young persons born in years 1960 - 1943.	13	138
(e) Young persons born in years 1942 - 1933.	26	89
(f) Others.	33	34
TOTALS.	166	747

Vaccination against Smallpox.

It will be noted that the number of children vaccinated under the age of one year is very much less than in previous years. This figure, however, is not comparable with previous years as advice issued by the Ministry of Health during the latter part of 1962 recommended that children should preferably be vaccinated during their second year rather than at the age of 4 to 5 months.

The following table gives details of the age groups vaccinated during the year :-

<u>Age at which vaccinated.</u>	<u>Primary.</u>	<u>Re-vaccination.</u>
Under 1 year.	107	-
1 year.	132	-
2 - 4.	10	13
5 - 14.	14	52
15 or over.	16	151
TOTALS.	279	216

GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Home Help Service.

Number of cases dealt with in the district during year ended 31st December, 1963, as follows :-

Maternity.....	35
Emergency Sickness.....	4
Aged, Sick and Infirm.....	26
Child Care.....	5
Post Hospital.....	2
Chronic.....	7
Total.....	<u>79</u>

The Divisional Organiser is Miss M. E. Reed, 46a, Church Street, Basingstoke, (Telephone 3078). There is a Sub - Office at 107, Fleet Road, Fleet, (Telephone 1513) which serves this district.

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 - Section 47.

No action was called for under this section.

Infectious Diseases.

The nearest Infectious Diseases Hospital is the Northfields Isolation Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot, (Telephone Aldershot 21365), to which cases of Infectious Diseases are sent.

Ambulance Service.

Hartley Wintney is a sub-station with one ambulance controlled from the main station at Laburnum Road, Aldershot. Enquiries should be made to the Area Superintendent (Telephone Aldershot 22244).

Professional Nursing in the Home and Domiciliary Midwifery.

<u>District Served.</u>	<u>Name and Address of Nurse.</u>
Crondall, Ewshot, Dogmersfield and Church Crookham (part).	Mrs. B. G. Earley, S.R.N., S.C.M., Old Potteries, Heath Lane, Crondall, Near Farnham, Surrey. <u>Telephone - Crondall 332.</u>
Heckfield, Mattingley, Rotherwick, Bramshill, West Green and Dipley.	Miss D. H. Hardingham, S.R.N., S.C.M., Queen's Nurse, H.V. Cert., 1, Hound Green Close, Mattingley. <u>Telephone - Heckfield 354.</u>
Hartley Wintney, Elvetham and Winchfield.	Miss M. Neal, S.R.N., S.C.M., Becketts Cottage, Hartley Wintney. <u>Telephone - Hartley Wintney 2134.</u>
Odiham, Long Sutton, North Warnborough, Hook, Newnham, Nately Scures, Greywell, Up Nately and Murrell Green.	Miss E. J. Rogers, S.R.N., S.C.M., Queen's Nurse. Flat No. 1, Nurses Flats, Queens Road, North Warnborough. <u>Telephone - Odiham 29.</u> Vacancy - Flat No. 2, Queen's Road, North Warnborough. <u>Telephone - Odiham 3129.</u>

<u>District Served. (Cont.)</u>	<u>Name and Address of Nurse.</u>
Blackwater (South of A 30), Hawley (part), Kingsway Estate.	Mrs. C. H. Christie, S.R.N., S.C.M., Rosina Cottage, Crow- thorne Cottage, Crowthorne, Berks. <u>Telephone - Crowthorne 2086.</u>
Yateley (Eversley End), Eversley.	Miss P. J. Alford, S.R.N., S.C.M.,
Blackwater (Yateley End), Yateley (part), Park- hill, Frogmore and East Green Estates, Darby Green.	Miss C. A. Williams, S.R.N., S.C.M., 5, Moulsham Copse Lane, Yateley. <u>Telephone - Yateley 2151.</u>

Health Visitors for the District.

South Fleet, Ewshot, Crandall, Crookham and Church Crookham.	Mrs. Z. E. M. Collyer, 61, Ferndale Road, Church Crookham.
Hook, Greywell, Odiham, Hartley Wintney, North Warnborough, Long Sutton and Winchfield.	Miss M. Phillpot, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. 10, Queens Road, North Warnborough. <u>Telephone - Odiham 2189.</u>
Bramshill, Rotherwick, Heckfield, Mattingley, West Green and Dipley.	Miss D. H. Hardingham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., Queen's Nurse. 1, Hound Green Close, Matting- ley. <u>Telephone - Heckfield 354.</u>
Eversley, Yateley, Black- water and Frogmore.	Mrs. R. Stockdale, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. 32, Elm Grove Road, Farn- borough. <u>Telephone - Farnborough 1574.</u>
Hawley.	Miss L. K. Rogers, S.R.N., S.C.M., Queen's Nurse, H.V. Cert. Flat 2, Hawley Lodge, Hawley Road, Hawley. <u>Telephone</u>
Fleet, (north of canal) plus Courtmoor Estate and Minley.	Mrs. E. A. Hill, 79, Kings Road, Fleet. <u>Telephone - Fleet 1298.</u>

Hospital Services.

There are three hospitals in the district.

- (1) Odiham Cottage Hospital. (Winchester Group)
(8 beds and 1 cot including 1 private ward)
- (2) Yateley and District Hospital. (Farnham Group)
(14 beds and 1 private ward)
- (3) Winchfield Hospital. (Farnham Group)
(This is a hospital of 166 beds, mostly for chronic
sick patients)

Laboratory Service.

The service for this area is normally the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, (Telephone Winchester 3807). Dr. M. H. Hughes is the director. All types of bacteriological examinations are done. Chemical analysis of water is carried out by the Public Analyst at Reading.

<u>Child Welfare Centres.</u>		<u>Day held (2.00 p.m.)</u>
Crondall.	Village Hall.	1st Friday.
Church Crookham.	Elizabeth War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane.	Every Monday.
Crookham Village.	W.I. Hut, Village Street.	3rd Thursday.
Eversley.	Village Hall.	1st Tuesday.
Ewshot.	Village Hall.	2nd Wednesday.
Frogmore.	Darby Green & Frogmore Social Hall, Frogmore Road, Blackwater.	3rd Wednesday.
Hartley Wintney.	Civil Defence Training Centre.	1st Friday.
Hawley.	Memorial Hall.	2nd Wednesday. 4th Wednesday.
Hook.	Elizabeth Hall.	1st Tuesday. 3rd Tuesday.
Odiham.	(1) The Church Centre, High Street.	2nd Friday. (2.30 - 3.30) 4th Friday. (A.C.M.O.)
	(2) Station Headquarters, R.A.F.	1st Wednesday.
Yateley.	(1) W.I. hut behind British Legion Hall.	Every Thursday. (A.C.M.O. 2nd and 4th)
	(2) The Surgery.	Every Tuesday. (Dr. Singer)

Orthopaedic Clinics.

A Surgeon's Clinic administered by the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton, is held at the School Clinic, St. George's Road, East, Aldershot, on the 1st Tuesday morning in the month. Remedial Clinics are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, all day, at the same place.

A Surgeon's Clinic is also held at Basingstoke General Hospital, Hackwood Road, Basingstoke, on the 4th Thursday in the month at 10.00 a.m. Remedial Clinics are held at the same place, as necessary.

Examinations at these clinics are by appointment, from the respective Hospital.

Chest Clinics.

(1) Northfields Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot.

Monday 9.15 a.m. - Old Patients.
11.00 a.m. - New Patients.
2nd Monday every month - Special Bronchitis
Clinic.
One Monday every month - B.C.G. Session.
One Monday every month - Post B.C.G. Session.

Tuesday 1.30 p.m.-3.00 p.m. - Old and New Contacts.
Old Patients.

Wednesday 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month at Fleet
Hospital. - Old and New Patients.

Thursday 9.15 a.m. - Old Patients and urgent New
Patients.
3.00 p.m. - Old Patients.

(2) Basingstoke General Hospital, Hackwood Road,
Basingstoke.

Tuesday 10.00 a.m. - All patients.

Friday 10.00 a.m. - Old patients.
2.00 p.m. - New patients.

Special Clinics.

Aldershot General Hospital, St. George's Road, Aldershot.

Males - Wednesday 5 - 7 p.m.

Females - Mondays 10.30 - 12 p.m.
- Wednesdays 2 - 4.30 p.m.

Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Out Patient Annexe.

Females - Mondays 2 - 4 p.m.

Males - Saturdays 10.30 - 12 noon.

Speech Clinics.

School Speech Clinics are held at Aldershot and
Basingstoke.

Aldershot.

The School Clinic,
St. George's Road East.

Tuesdays.

Basingstoke.

Brambly's Grange Health
Clinic.

Monday, Tues-
day and Thurs-
day.

Eye Clinics.

These are a Regional Hospital Board responsibility
administered through the County Council. They are held
at the Aldershot General Hospital and Brambly's Grange
Health Clinic, Basingstoke, by appointment.

Dental Clinics.

For pre-school and school children and expectant and nursing mothers, these are held at St. George's Road East School Clinic, Aldershot; Brambly's Grange Health Clinic, Basingstoke; Robert May's Secondary School, Odiham; and in Mobile Dental Clinics at Schools in the area. Attendance by appointment only.

Child Guidance.

Clinics are held by appointment only at :-

- (1) Manor House Health Clinic, - Every Wednesday
Manor Park, Aldershot. all day.
- (2) Brambly's Grange Health - Every Monday and
Clinic, Basingstoke. Tuesday afternoon.

Family Planning Association.

Clinics are held at Manor Park, Aldershot, on every Friday from 2 - 4 p.m.; at Brambly's Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays at 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. and 2nd and 4th Fridays from 5.00 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.

The climate of the district is indicated by these figures :-

Month	Rainfall Hartley Wintney.	Average afternoon humidity (R.A.E. Met. Station)	Total sun- shine in hours at R.A.E. Met. Station 9 miles away.
January.....	21.2 mm.	82 %	53.5 hrs.
February....	18.8	75	73.2
March.....	90.8	71	108.2
April.....	72.2	70	132.8
May.....	30.3	63	191.7
June.....	30.2	64	158.7
July.....	42.9	63	161.5
August.....	80.4	70	123.5
September...	73.2	71	124.7
October.....	50.9	75	78.0
November....	105.2	82	54.7
December....	19.1	85	36.6

HOUSING.

Table in the Hampshire Report from the 1961 Census giving the percentage availability of certain household arrangements in private households is of interest.

Of 6,949 households 75.0 per cent had a cold water tap, a hot water tap, a fixed bath and a W.C. The percentage however of households sharing or entirely without one or other of these arrangements were :-

	<u>Sharing.</u>	<u>Entirely without.</u>
Cold water tap...	0.2	2.8
Hot water tap....	0.2	21.6
Fixed bath.....	0.6	18.1
W.C.....	0.5	11.9

These figures may serve to show that there is still need for improving properties under the Improvement Grants scheme.

The availability of a fixed bath within the building can be regarded as evidence of a reasonable standard of comfort and hygiene and the percentage of households in the district lacking a fixed bath can be compared with the figure of 11.9 per cent for the aggregate of Municipal Boroughs and Urban Districts and of 19.5 per cent for the aggregate of Rural Districts. The period from 1951 to 1961 has seen a general improvement, the proportion of households entirely without access to a bath has decreased from 45 per cent among 5,399 households in 1951 to 18.1 per cent in 1961.

The percentage of persons living at more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ per room is 5.0 an improvement on the figure of 7.4 at the 1951 census.

The Engineer and Surveyor has kindly supplied the following information :-

Permanent Houses completed in 1963.

Council Houses.....	8
Private Houses.....	262
Conversions.....	3
	—
	273
	—

Houses under Construction 1.1.64.

Council Houses.....	78
Private Houses.....	507
	—
	585
	—

Post War Houses erected in district.

Council Houses to end of 1963.....	1284
Private houses.....	1852
Units of accommodation produced by conversion.....	101
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Sewerage.

The results of the Ministerial Inquiry into the Eversley II Main Drainage Scheme are awaited.

It is hoped to commence the preliminary survey into Rotherwick Main Drainage this year.

HARTLEY WINTNEY
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.
FOR
1963.

(GENERAL AND WET SCAVENGING SERVICES TO 31ST MARCH, 1964)

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Hartley Wintney,
Hants.

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Chief Public Health
Inspector.

INTRODUCTION.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit my annual report for 1963; the refuse collection and cesspool emptying services include the statistics to the end of the financial year 31st March, 1964.

The routine environmental health work of the department has continued during the year and no special projects were undertaken. The existing commitments that have arisen over recent years made it necessary to recommend the appointment of an additional inspector in order to ensure that the basic inspections required to maintain the hygienic standards of the district could be met in the future. Daily visits to the slaughterhouse, administration of the unofficial caravan site at Hawley and the organisation of the general scavenging service are three matters which have taken an increasing amount of time.

On 1st October, 1963, the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, came into force. Provision was made for the Regulations in the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, but the practical aspect has taken many years to decide. Extensive discussions were necessary between the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Ministry of Health and the professional and trade bodies concerned. The object of the regulations is to ensure a uniform standard of inspection throughout the country and to be certain that all animals slaughtered are inspected before being used for human consumption.

The main provisions can be summarised as follows :-

- (a) All local authorities must make provision for every animal slaughtered within their district to be inspected before leaving the slaughterhouse by a qualified inspector.
- (b) They are permitted to charge for this service; a scale of charges is laid down in the regulations.
- (c) The carcass must be stamped indicating the local authority concerned and the officer who carried out the inspection.
- (d) The method of inspection is detailed and must be followed at all times.

In this district 100 per cent meat inspection has been carried out of all carcasses for many years. Since 1962 there has been an increase in the number of animals being slaughtered and during 1963 some 5,460 carcasses were dealt with. This has meant daily visits to the slaughterhouse, morning and afternoon, from Monday to Thursday, and is equivalent to committing half an inspector each week to this work.

The Council were obliged during the year to take full control of the unauthorised caravan site at Easter Ross, Minley. Without some authority being exercised over these 142 caravans the position would have deteriorated and it was necessary to appoint a warden on 9th September, 1963. Visits were made two or three times a week by the department and useful experience has been obtained in operating a caravan site. The problem can only be contained and will

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not be resolved until a municipal site is established complying with the Model Standards.

The refuse collection routes were re-organised in April, 1963, and allowance is being made to absorb between 300 - 400 new properties each year. No major amendments should be necessary until 1965 as provision was made in the last alteration for two years of building development.

Finally I should like to record my appreciation of the staff for their able and willing assistance to ensure that the work of the department has run smoothly during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. J. DAVIES.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

AUGUST, 1964.

HOUSING.

Owing to the small number of vacancies during the year in Council properties little progress was made in dealing with unfit houses; the position will improve as the new estate in Hartley Wintney becomes ready for occupation. One tenant was re-housed by the Council from a property in Odiham. Staff commitments on other work also precluded any possible surveys. Premises dealt with during the year are as follows :-

Closed for habitation.

The Trellis, North Warnborough Street.

Demolished.

Hartford Cottage, Reading Road, Hartley Wintney.

Keepers Cottage, Heckfield.

Thatched Cottage, Down Farm, Odiham.

Beverley, Bell Lane, Frogmore, Yateley.

Rose Cottage, Bell Lane, Frogmore, Yateley.

The succeeding tables give the present position with regard to unfit houses in the district since 1955 when the last major survey was carried out. The Council's action on these properties in previous years has been good and one cannot say that any real problem exists on present day standards. The emphasis for the future will probably be on structurally sound but sub-standard premises, lacking in facilities and services, of which many thousands still exist in the country as a whole. The proposed legislation enabling local authorities to deal with this class of premise, anticipated last year, has not yet arrived on the statute book. As stated in last years annual report it will be necessary to deal with these premises before they deteriorate into the unfit house of tomorrow.

TABLE 1.

SCHEDULE OF UNFIT HOUSES AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1963.

PARISH	Properties in Ministry retained AUGUST, 1964.	Down-graded 1955-63.	TOTAL	Demolished.	Restored	Converted to other use.	Action Taken. (void)	Action Taken. (occupied)	To be dealt with.	TOTAL
Bramshill.	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Crondall.	6	24	30	6	10	-	5	-	9	30
Crookham.	1	10	11	5	2	-	-	-	4	11
Dogmersfield.	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Eversley.	3	2	5	2	1	-	1	-	1	5
Greywell.	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
Hartley Wintney.	9	14	23	12	4	-	5	-	2	23
Hawley.	10	13	23	12	2	2	7	-	-	23
Heckfield.	2	16	18	1	1	-	5	-	11	18
Hook.	9	4	13	7	2	-	2	-	2	13
Long Sutton.	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Mattingley.	5	6	11	1	4	-	4	-	2	11
Odiham.	25	18	43	12	13	1	12	-	5	43
Rotherwick.	6	1	7	4	2	-	-	-	1	7
South Warnborough.	4	-	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	4
Winchfield.	3	5	8	1	2	3	2	-	-	8
Yateley.	5	15	20	7	3	1	4	1	4	20
TOTALS.	91	132	223	73	51	7	47	1	44	223

LIST OF PROPERTIES DEALT WITH SINCE AUGUST, 1955.

TABLE 2.

Premises Demolished.

Rose Cottage, School Road, Dogmersfield.	1
Chestnut Cottage, Ewshot.	1
Nos. 1 and 2, Church Hill Cottages, Ewshot.	2
Pineview, Beacon Hill, Ewshot.	1
Palewell Bungalow, Ewshot.	1
Caravan, Doras Green, Crondall.	1
Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Cottages, The Street, Crookham.	3
Swingbridge Cottage, Zephon Common, Crookham.	1
Veronica, The Street, Crookham.	1
Bungalow, Church Lane, Eversley.	1
Thatched Cottage, Mud Lane, Eversley.	1
Nos. 17 and 18, Barnards Lane, Elvetham, Hartley Wintney.	2
Nos. 12, 16, 17 and 18, Elvetham Lane, Hartley Wintney.	4
Nos. 15 and 16, Elsons Farm, Elvetham, Hartley Wintney.	2
Hartford Cottage, Reading Road, Hartley Wintney.	1
The Old Garage, Dipley, Hartley Wintney.	1
The Workshop, Cricket Green, Hartley Wintney.	1
Rose Cottage, West Green, Hartley Wintney.	1
Nos. 5 and 6, Bridge Cottages, Hawley Lane, Hawley.	2
Nos. 1 and 2, Japonica Cottages, London Road, Blackwater.	2
No. 41, London Road, Blackwater.	1
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Garage Cottages, London Road, Blackwater.	5
Copperfield, Rosemary Lane, Blackwater.	1
Cottage, Vicarage Road, Hawley.	1
Keepers Cottage, Heckfield.	1
Dorecot, Station Road, Hook.	1
Heatherbell, Hook Common Post Office.	1
Two Bungalows, Elms Road, Hook.	2
Spiers Cottage, London Road, Hook.	1
Wembley, London Road, Hook.	1
White Cottage, Holt Lane, Hook.	1
The Cottage, Froyle Lane, Long Sutton.	1
Old Chapel, Hazeley Lea, Mattingley.	1
Searchlight Hut, Itchel, Odiham.	1
No. 2, Cat Cottage, North Warnborough, Odiham.	1
Nos. 1 - 4, Meadow Cottages, North Warnborough, Odiham.	4
Thatched Cottage, Down Farm, Odiham.	1
Two Cottages, Whitehall, Odiham.	2
Nos. 1 and 2, Poplar Cottages, Rye Common, Odiham.	2
1, Swanbridge Cottage, North Warnborough, Odiham.	1
Cottage, Brickers Hill, Rotherwick.	1
Bus Body, Hook Cross, Rotherwick.	1
Glenmoor, The Street, Rotherwick.	1
Thornfield, The Street, Rotherwick.	1
Cottage, Wells Hill, South Warnborough.	1
The Bungalow, The Hurst, Winchfield.	1
Beverley, Bell Lane, Yateley.	1
Rose Cottage, Bell Lane, Yateley.	1
Woodside, Bell Lane, Frogmore, Yateley.	1
The Gardens, Sandhurst Lane, Yateley.	1
British Legion Bungalow, Reading Road, Yateley.	1
Knights Cottage, Yateley Common.	1
Nursery Bungalow, Mill Lane, Yateley.	1

TABLE 3.

Premises Under Orders Used For Other Purposes.

Nos. 1 and 2, Nursery Cottages, London Road, Blackwater. (store for tools by nurseryman)	2
The Club, West Street, Odiham. (converted into garages)	1
Potbridge Bungalows, Winchfield. (used as stores)	3
Silsona, Frogmore, Yateley. (chicken house)	1

TABLE 4.

Properties Where Statutory Action Taken. (Void)

Bowenhurst Farm Cottage, Farnham Road, Crondall.	1
Nos. 3 and 6, Dovas Cottages, Crondall.	2
Chapel Cottage, The Borough, Crondall.	1
No. 2, Robinson's Terrace, Heath Lane, Crondall.	1
Up Green Cottage, Eversley.	1
17, Hares Lane, Hartley Wintney.	1
Laundry Cottage, Lodge Farm, Elvetham, Hartley Wintney.	1
No. 10, The Lake, Hartley Wintney.	1
No. 2, Brewery Cottages, Cricket Green, Hartley Wintney.	1
Baldwins Shop (rear of) High Street, Hartley Wintney.	1
Nos. 1 and 2, Garden Cottages, Vicarage Road, Blackwater.	2
Lynton, London Road, Blackwater.	1
Forge Cottage, Vicarage Road, Blackwater.	1
Nos. 8 and 9, Woodside, Hawley.	2
No. 21, Woodside, Hawley.	1
Browns Cottage, (Home Farm) Heckfield.	1
Hill House Cottage, Heckfield.	1
Nos. 1 and 2, Kiln Farm Cottages, Heckfield.	2
Cottage, (one of a pair) The Banks, Heckfield.	1
Chapel Cottage, Station Road, Hook.	1
Holt Bungalow, Holt Lane, Hook.	1
No. 69, Hazeley Heath, Mattingley.	1
No. 7, Church Cottage, Mattingley.	1
Halls Lane Cottage, Mattingley.	1
Pigeon House, Mattingley.	1
Bungalow, Scotland Farm, Odiham.	1
Bellropes, Alton Road, Odiham.	1
Chalk Pit Cottage, Alton Road, Odiham.	1
Two Cottages, Whitehall, Odiham.	2
Nos. 1 and 2, Bartley Heath Cottages, North Warnborough.	2
No. 2, Swanbridge Cottage, North Warnborough.	1
The Trellis, The Street, North Warnborough.	1
Thatched Cottage, Mill Corner, North Warnborough.	1
Two Cottages, (Pratt) Hillside, Odiham.	2
Nos. 1 and 2, Sandholes Cottages, Potbridge, Winchfield.	2
The Hut, Handford Lane, Yateley.	1
No. 2, Hurdcote Cottages, Cricket Hill, Yateley.	1
Ivy Cottage, Frogmore, Yateley.	1
Heather Bungalow, Vigo Lane, Yateley.	1

TABLE 5.

Premises Where Statutory Action Taken. (Still Occupied)

No. 1, Baileys Farm Bungalow, Yateley.	1
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TABLE 6.

Properties Restored.

Three Cottages, Heath Lane, Crondall.	3
No. 3, Robinsons Terrace, Heath Lane, Crondall.	1
Nos. 1 - 3, Doras Green Cottages, Crondall.	3
Travers Cottages, Well Road, Crondall.	2
Orgiano, Dippenhall Street, Crondall.	1
Nos. 1 and 2, Brook House, Crondall Road, Crookham.	2
Firgrove Farm Cottage, Eversley.	1
Moor Cottage, Greywell. (Category 3 only)	1
Bellswood Cottage, Hartley Wintney.	1
Nos. 19 and 20, Doghouse Cottages, Elvetham.	2
Green Lane Cottage, Hartley Wintney. (Category 3 only)	1
Swan Cottage, London Road, Blackwater.	1
Edenbrook, Hawley Road, Hawley.	1
No. 3, Hill Cottages, Heckfield.	1
Nos. 2 and 3, Church Path Cottages, Hook.	2
Varndells Cottage, Long Sutton.	1
No. 75, Hazeley Heath, Mattingley.	1
Klondyke Cottages, Mattingley.	2
No. 1, Shoulder of Mutton Cottages, Mattingley.	1
Cottage, King Street, Odiham.	1
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Blakes Cottages, King Street, Odiham.	6
Nos. 1 - 3, Chapel Cottages, King Street, Odiham.	3
Two Tudor Cottages, The Bury, Odiham.	2
Cottage, Rye Common, Odiham.	1
No. 38, Wedmans Lane, Rotherwick.	1
No. 44, Wedmans Lane, Rotherwick.	1
Hilltop, Pickaxe Lane, South Warnborough. (Category 3 only)	1
Nos. 1 and 2, Kennel Cottages, South Warnborough.	2
Nos. 1 and 2, Chivertons Cottages, Winchfield.	2
Mill Cottage, Mill Lane, Yateley.	1
Nos. 1 and 2, Heatherside Cottages, Reading Road, Yateley.	2
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TABLE 7.

Category 5 Premises To Be Dealt With.

Nos. 1 and 2, Springwater Farm Cottages, Bramshill.	2
Nos. 1 and 2, Browns Cottages, Watery Lane, Crookham.	2
Nos. 1 and 2, Lea Lane Cottages, Lea Lane, Crookham.	2
Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7, Dovas Cottages, Crondall.	5
Nos. 1 and 2, Barley Pound, Crondall.	2
Holly Cottage, Redlands Lane, Ewshot.	1
The Ridings, Heath Lane, Ewshot.	1
Up Green Cottage, Eversley.	1
Greywell Mill, Greywell.	1
Pair Thatched Cottages, Dipley Common, Hartley Wintney.	2
Three Cottages, The Banks, Heckfield.	3
Nos. 1 and 2, The Beeches, Heckfield.	2
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TABLE 7 (Continued)

Cottage, Bogie Corner, Heckfield.	24
The Bothy, Springwell, Heckfield.	1
Turnpike Cottage, Heckfield.	2
No. 32, Heckfield.	1
No. 2, Riseley Mill Cottage, Heckfield.	1
Cottage, Newnham Road, Hook.	1
Cottage on Common rear of Hook Common Post Office.	1
No. 74, Hazeley Heath, Mattingley.	1
No. 6, Church Cottages, Mattingley.	1
Cottage, Alton Road, Odiham.	1
Woodland Cottage, London Road, Odiham.	1
Neville's Cottage, North Warnborough.	1
The Cottage, Swan Hill, North Warnborough.	1
No. 3, Swanbridge Cottage, North Warnborough.	1
Stokers Farm, Rotherwick.	1
No. 1, Hurdcote Cottage, Cricket Hill, Yateley.	1
Nos. 1 and 2, Baileys Farm Cottages, The Flats, Yateley.	2
Rose Cottage, Bell Lane, Frogmore, Yateley.	1

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Council Housing - Letting.

As the Department is also responsible for the letting of Council houses through the Allocation Sub-Committee the following information is provided:-

During the year 190 new applications for accommodation were received and were dealt with as follows :-

Accepted..... 145

Numbers refused..... 45

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The number of new applications was 45 more than in 1962.

The number of families on the housing waiting list at 31st December, 1963, was 263.

This is 38 more than in December the previous year. During 1963 the Council decided to merge the 'A' and 'B' list into one waiting list. To be considered for acceptance onto the list an applicant must have lived or worked in the district for five years; a married woman is also considered to have a claim, but the period is ten years, and long service men are considered separately after seven years service in the Armed Forces.

Families were re-housed from the waiting list when vacancies arose in existing houses and these numbered 28, which is 8 less than the previous year. The parishes where vacancies occurred were :-

Crondall.....	2
Eversley.....	4
Hartley Wintney.....	4
Hawley.....	1
Hook.....	5
Long Sutton.....	1
Mattingley.....	1
Odiham.....	2
South Warnborough.....	1
Yateley.....	7
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In addition there were 24 new dwellings allocated in Hartley Wintney.

Rent Act, 1957.

No applications for certificates of disrepair were received during the year.

Public Health Acts.

The complaints received by the Department under the broad heading of public health are many and varied. They range from general housing defects such as dampness to the condition of ponds and ditches. Derelict and abandoned cars and noise nuisances due to the barking of dogs at kennel homes have also been investigated. In returns to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government 47 properties were shown as repaired or improved. Fortunately all complaints have been dealt with on an informal basis and no legal action has been required to abate nuisances.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The majority of the district is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Company and I am indebted to the Chief Engineer for the following information :-

"Water was supplied to the whole rural district by the Mid-Wessex Water Company from wells in the chalk at their works at Greywell, Itchel and Lasham.

The supply was continuously laid on under pressure and was satisfactory as to quantity and quality. The water was softened at the sources before distribution so as to comply with the statutory limitation of hardness of 12° Clark and chlorination is applied at all sources.

Chemical and bacteriological examinations of the raw and treated waters were regularly and frequently made by the Company's resident chemists and bacteriologists in their laboratory and independent examinations were also made by an independent laboratory. All samples were satisfactory.

The waters do not have any plumbo-solvent action.

No reliable information is available for this particular area of the population supplied, but the number of connections was approximately as follows :-

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>CONNECTIONS.</u>
Bramshill.	23
Crondall.)	
Crookham.)	874
Dogmersfield.	124
Eversley.	421
Greywell.	116
Hartley Wintney. (Elvetham Ward)	30
Hartley Wintney.	1,123
Hawley.	1,710
Heckfield.	47
Hook.	700
Long Sutton.	105
Mattingley.	125
Odiham.	947
Rotherwick.	202
South Warnborough.	107
Winchfield.	128
Yateley.	2,026

No information is available as to the number of houses supplied by standpipes."

Independent Water Supplies.

A few properties in the district still draw water from wells and these are mainly isolated and unable to connect to the main supply. Samples are taken on request or after routine visits if the standard of purity is suspect. The samples taken last year were as follows :-

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>SATISFACTORY.</u>	<u>UNSATISFACTORY.</u>
Bramshill.	-	1
Crondall.	-	1
Heckfield.	3	4
Mattingley.	1	-
Hartley Wintney.	1	-

CARAVAN SITES.

There was no increase in the number of caravan sites in the district. One existing site was enlarged from 16 to 30 caravans at Hill Corner Farm, Sandy Lane, Cove.

The major concern has continued to be the large unauthorised site at Minley Road, Cove. In last years report an outline of the difficulties and problems was given. In June, 1963, a completed census was carried out to assess future policy and the action required to ensure adequate con-

trol. On 9th September, 1963, a warden was appointed to regulate the caravans on the site and oversee the general conditions for the Council. This arrangement has worked exceedingly well and within six months a reduction of 50 caravans was effected. It is doubtful, however, whether this rate of reduction will continue as the majority removed have been rented caravans belonging to finance companies.

The Council's watching brief on this land has created a great deal of work and constant visiting has been necessary. This will continue until an alternative site with adequate amenities is provided.

The following licensed sites exist in the district :-

Blackbushe Park Caravan Site, Dungells Lane,
Yateley. (Launspach Property Company)..... 65 caravans.

Oaklands Park Caravan Site, Frogmore,
Yateley. (Mr. C. L. Phillips)..... 62 caravans.

Martins Caravan Site, Sandy Lane, Cove.
(Mr. C. A. J. Martin)..... 23 caravans.

Chilton Farm, Fleet Road, Cove.
(Mr. R. W. Yeomans)..... 20 caravans.

Hill Corner Farm, Sandy Lane, Cove.
(Mrs. E. A. E. Watson)..... 30 caravans.

Hook Common Post Office, Hook.
(Mr. R. Cousins)..... 14 caravans.

Sheilas Cottage, Mill Lane, Yateley.
(Mr. L. J. Young)..... 8 caravans.

Kingsbridge Meadows, School Road, Hook.
(Mr. H. Buckland)..... 3 caravans.

FOOD

The routine work on inspections of food premises has been curtailed this year due to other commitments. Visits have been made whenever possible to the 230 places in the district where food is sold, prepared or stored for sale to the public. There has not been any large increase in the number of food premises but the current development at Yateley and Blackwater includes several new shops. Food premises in the district include the following :-

Cafes and Restaurants.....	21
Hotels and Public Houses.....	67
Butchers and Fishmongers.....	16
General Provision Stores.....	61
Greengrocers.....	9
Confectioners.....	13
Fish Friers.....	1
Bakehouses.....	4
Canteens etc.....	38

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One cafe the A 30 Roadhouse, Hook, closed in December, 1963, following representations to the owners.

Unsound Food.

Several shopkeepers surrendered unsound food to the inspectors as follows :-

Fresh Meat.....	165½ lbs.
Frozen Meat.....	30 lbs.
Fish.....	93¾ lbs.
Tinned Food.....	39 lbs.

328¼ lbs.

Registered Premises.

The Council are required to register premises where ice cream is manufactured or sold in the district. Only one ice cream manufacturer operates and all samples taken from the processing plant were satisfactory. In addition one ice cream sample from retail sales was submitted for bacteriological examination and was found satisfactory.

There are 78 premises selling prewrapped ice cream supplied by the larger manufacturers as well as many mobile vans which operate in the district. These itinerant vendors are not subject to registration, but the vans are inspected when possible.

The number of premises used for the manufacture of sausages, cooking of hams etc. is 15.

Milk.

Local authorities are responsible for the retail sale of milk and processing plants. All milk in this district is pasteurised outside the area. The following dealers are registered with the Council :-

The Crondall Dairy, Church Street, Crondall.

The Dairy, Hartley Wintney.

Frogmore Park Dairy, Rosemary Lane, Yateley.

School Farm, Heckfield.

Acorn Stores, London Road, Hook.

International Stores, Hook.

The Corner House, Long Sutton.

Albion Dairy, North Warnborough.

The Dairy, Mill Lane, Yateley.

The General Stores, South Warnborough.

Samples of milk were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Winchester from the following retailers :-

Farnham Dairy.....	2
J. A. Kersley and Son.....	4
Rose Farm Dairy.....	3
W. Clifford and Son.....	1
Hartley Wintney Dairy.....	1
E. Stuart.....	2
Home Counties Dairy.....	3
Hammers Dairy.....	3
Crondall Dairy.....	8
G. Harnett.....	1
The Corner House, Long Sutton.....	1
Acorn Stores, Hook.	1
International Stores, Hook.	1
General Stores, South Warnborough.	2

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Only one of these samples failed the test and as this was produced in Surrey, reference was made to the authority concerned.

Food Sampling.

I am indebted to the Chief Sampling Officer of Hampshire County Council for the following information :-

"During the year ended 31st December, 1963, 113 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of the Hartley Wintney Rural District Council.

Milk Samples.

83 samples of milk, including 51 of Channel Islands, were obtained. No instances of added water occurred but 20 of the samples, 16 being of Channel Islands' milk, were deficient of fat. In all but one case, however, the samples were from individual churns included in larger consignments to wholesale dairies, the average fat content of the whole of the milk in each consignment, being satisfactory. These samples, therefore, called for no further action. The remaining case showed a slight deficiency in a consignment of Channel Islands' milk, the average fat being 3.74 per cent instead of the minimum of 4 per cent required for this variety of milk. The discrepancy appeared to have been due to lack of mixing of the milk before the churns were filled but following-up samples proved to be free from complaint, as did a further check which was made subsequently. In the circumstances, legal action was not taken but the matter was referred to the producer and his attention drawn to the necessity for ensuring that Channel Islands' milk did not fall below the required standard.

Miscellaneous Samples.

30 samples of articles other than milk were procured, five being adversely reported upon, as follows :-

Two samples of imported canned Strawberries in Heavy Syrup were reported to be deficient of fruit. The drained weight of the fruit in these cases was approximately 41 per cent whereas under a Code of Practice applicable to Home Produced Canned Fruit, a minimum of 57 per cent of fruit is required. It is not altogether clear that this Code of Practice can properly be applied to imported products but the matter was taken up with the importer, who passed on the complaint to the packer. As a result, the packer agreed to ensure that his future products conformed to the British Code of Practice.

Two samples of Double Cream, from the same producer, proved to be 19 per cent deficient of the required minimum fat content of 48 per cent for cream of this description. Inquiries indicated that the vendor, who was producing only a small amount of cream for the purpose of sale, had obtained the cartons from a local supplier and had not appreciated the significance of the description "Double" in relation to cream. Had the articles been marked merely "Cream", no complaint would have arisen. In view of what was accepted to be an inadvertent error on the part of the vendor, a warning was given.

An informal sample of gin was found to contain slight excess water (1.3 per cent) beyond the strength of "70° Proof" marked on the bottle from which the article was served. Formal reference samples were obtained at the licensed premises in question but these all proved to be genuine. Further attention will be given to these premises in the future.

General.

Attention was given to the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, with regard to their application to the labelling and description of food and drugs during inspection visits to traders and by reference to advertisements."

Meat Inspection.

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the district operated by Messrs. M. & J. Monk Limited, Odiham. This is a small private slaughterhouse which has been modernised and brought up to standard. On 1st June, 1962, increased slaughtering took place, when the work previously carried out at Basingstoke, was transferred. This has required some re-organisation of the Department as daily visits are now necessary, except on Friday. Fortunately, with the co-operation of the owner, post mortem inspection of carcasses has been possible during normal working hours and only a moderate amount of overtime has been needed. It will be seen from the table below that the total number of animals dealt with was 5,460, which is just under five times the number in the previous year. In carrying out the duties of meat inspection time previously used on other routine hygiene inspections has been lost.

	<u>Beasts.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Number Killed.....	682	890	1,841	2,047	5,460
Number Inspected.....	682	890	1,841	2,047	5,460

All Diseases. (except T.B. and C. Bovis)

Whole Carcase.....	1	-	1	-	2
Part or Organ.....	85	36	133	436	690

Tuberculosis.

Whole Carcase.....	-	-	-	-	-
Part or Organ.....	-	-	-	69	69

C. Bovis.

Whole Carcase.....	-	-	-	-	-
Part or Organ.....	14	-	-	-	14

Incidence of disease in cattle excluding lung and intestines and other organs not used for human consumption..... 13.93%

Tuberculosis Rate..... 1.26%

Overall Disease Rate..... 14.19%

Knackers Yard.

The licensed premises at Parick Farm, Station Road, Hook, was regularly visited during the year and at all times the necessary records were up to date and the premises well run and clean. Animals are dealt with at these premises which are not intended for human consumption and the following is a summary of those handled :-

Horses.....	17
Cattle.....	511
Calves.....	201
Pigs.....	48
Sheep.....	31
Others.....	1
	<u>809</u>

FACTORIES.

A review of the number of factories in the district was undertaken and the register was revised. The factories in the district are :-

(a) With mechanical power.....	73
(b) Without mechanical power.....	7
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	80
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It has not been possible to visit all the factories during the year but 30 inspections were carried out and 3 written notices served. There are no outworkers operating in the district.

RODENT CONTROL.

On 1st April, 1963, a free service was introduced by the Council for infestations in domestic premises. Business properties and those belonging to the local authority are charged for according to the degree of infestation. Requests for treatment were dealt with as follows :-

Dwelling Houses.....	205
Business Premises.....	47
Local Authority.....	11
	—
	263
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Agricultural Premises.

In addition to the above, 11 requests were received from farmers in the district but a large number of agricultural premises are under annual contract to the Council. The total value of these contracts was £538 and the Council undertook to inspect these regularly each month and deal with any rodents.

The department also received requests to deal with wasp nests and other insect pests which infest dwellinghouses. Where possible these are always dealt with but occasionally it is necessary to advise that the services of a specialist firm are required if it is a major infestation.

REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE.

Following the comprehensive review of all the refuse collection routes which was introduced on 1st April, 1963, it has not been necessary to carry out any alterations during the year. New properties have been absorbed into the present service, allowance being made for these new houses in the review.

A weekly service has been maintained to all parts of the district and fortunately the mild winter did not create the havoc of the previous year. Alternative collections were arranged for the Bank Holidays and this has been greatly appreciated ; the number of complaints received compared to previous years is negligible.

Several new householders to the district have made representations to the department because the dustbins are not removed from the back door. It is usually explained that the Council have considered this matter recently and the increased rate this would mean. So far the objections to the "kerbside" collection have not been strongly pursued and it was not necessary to bring this to the Council's notice.

Labour.

The strength of the labour force was maintained during the year. Two employees died and one left but fortunately replacements were obtained without undue difficulty. The total labour force employed during the year was twenty three divided into five refuse collection crews of four men a piece, one on salvage work, one on disposal and one employed part time on street sweeping and disposal. Only one additional man was engaged during the year, but it will be necessary to increase the number of men in one crew to cope with the extra work next year. I believe that the retention of the men employed on this service is maintained because of the relationship between the Council and its employees and the example set by the foreman, Mr. V. Hillier, who completed 25 years service with the Council on 16th January, 1964. In addition to the national wage rate, a bonus on salvage sales is also paid, together with a limited amount of overtime in baling waste paper and providing for alternative collections. The provision of protective clothing is also an important factor and heavy duty jackets were also issued this year with the overalls and boots. The Council have been fortunate in having no great difficulty in recruiting and retaining labour on this type of work.

Vehicles.

The Council have five modern refuse vehicles in daily use. The latest addition to the fleet was on 1st June, 1963, when delivery of a 35 cubic yard "Pakamatic" was taken. This machine is capable of continuous loading to its full capacity which is nearly twice that of earlier vehicles. It has been purchased to operate on the large new estates being built which provide a more urban than rural collection. It is anticipated that the Council's oldest machine purchased in 1950 will be replaced in 1965. The drivers of the vehicles have a particular pride in the appearance of their freighters in spite of the nature of the work undertaken and endeavour to keep them clean and smart. The refuse vehicles travelled some 41,819 miles to collect 39,029 cubic yards.

Disposal.

All the refuse collected in the district is dealt with at Hazeley Heath on the controlled tip. The advantages in employing mechanical means to bury and consolidate the refuse cannot be over-emphasised. Land is reclaimed from the disused gravel pits at the approximate rate of an acre a year. The present lease expires in September, 1965, and additional tipping space will have to be sought in 1964.

During the year I attended meetings at Farnborough Urban District Council to discuss with neighbouring authorities the difficulties of finding tipping ground in the locality. Providing suitable leases can be agreed by the Council and the owners of local gravel pits there should be no undue difficulty in this area for many years.

Salvage.

The total sales by the Council amounted to £4,337.13s.4d. Since 1959 the income from salvage has risen by approximately 57 per cent and the Council were able to provide a weekly bonus to each man of 17s. 9d. There is now very little room for expansion unless it is decided to install a larger baling machine which would enable the work to be carried out more quickly.

Litter.

This aggravating problem has continued to exercise the department during the year. The Council have provided litter baskets throughout the district which are emptied once a week. In addition paper bags are supplied to the lay-byes on the A 30 which are replaced twice a week. Also a number of special collections were made to clear common land of the debris left by the itinerant caravan dweller;; this has on occasion amounted to 2 or 3 refuse vehicle loads.

WET SCAVENGING.

General.

The demand on this service has increased during the year and some 97 new cesspools were included in the scheme. In addition the disposal of cesspool contents became very difficult following the decision that no further discharge was to be allowed at the Hartley Wintney Sewage Disposal Works. These two factors combined made it necessary to bring back into daily use a third vehicle and crew to resolve a difficult situation. The Council have only two outlets for the disposal of tanker contents and in order to provide this very important part of the service it was necessary to recommend that permanent and adequate provision for the whole district should be made.

Labour.

Six men were employed on this service and a total of 4,958,100 gallons of cesspool contents were dealt with; an increase of 1,110,400 gallons on the previous year. One of the drivers who had been employed for 18 years died and a replacement was difficult to obtain. Several men were tried on this work but none were prepared to stay, although the latest employee appears to have adapted himself to this type of work.

Vehicles.

The Council own four tankers, two of which are 16 and 17 years old. It will be necessary to purchase a new vehicle in 1964 and it is proposed to buy one capable of dealing with 1,500 gallons at one time. This vehicle should be able to do 40 per cent more work than the vehicle it is replacing and avoid any additional machines being purchased.

Buckets.

There was a reduction of 10 in the number of buckets emptied by the Council employees to 183. These are emptied twice a week, free of charge, the majority being in the Parishes of Crondall, Eversley and Yateley. The bucket emptying service for Hawley Stage IV was withdrawn on 30th September, 1963, and during 1964 those properties on Stage III will also be omitted.

TABLE 1.

A. <u>DRY SCAVENGING.</u> - All vehicles are of Shelvoke & Drewry Manufacture.		
<u>Vehicle.</u>	<u>Capacity.</u>	<u>Date of Purchase.</u>
'W' Type Side Loader.	11 c. yds.	1. 7.48. (sold 1963)
Moving Floor Rear Loader.	24 c. yds.	13.10.50. (Reserve)
Fore and Aft Tipper. (Petrol)	18 c. yds.	26. 6.53.
Fore and Aft Tipper. (Diesel)	18 c. yds.	1. 6.56.
Fore and Aft Tipper. (Diesel)	18 c. yds.	1.12.59.
Fore and Aft Tipper. (Diesel)	18 c. yds.	21. 2.62.
Pakamatic Compression Type.	35 c. yds.	28. 5.63.

B. <u>WET SCAVENGING.</u>				
The following vehicles have all been in use during the year :-				
	<u>Mileage.</u>			
	<u>1960/1</u>	<u>1961/2</u>	<u>1962/3</u>	<u>1963/4</u>
No. 1 Karrier purchased 1.8.47.	524	-	-	900
No. 2 Karrier purchased 1.4.48.	4,555	5,021	2,310	2,300
No. 3 Dennis purchased 14.9.50.	10,077	10,211	13,236	13,918
No. 4 S & D (Diesel) 1.4.57.	11,394	9,656	9,494	9,404
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TOTAL MILEAGE.....	26,550	24,888	25,040	26,522

TABLE 2.

	<u>COLLECTION STATISTICS.</u>				
	<u>TOTALS.</u>				
	<u>Refuse</u> c. yds.	<u>Petrol.</u> (Galls.)	<u>Mileage.</u>	<u>Diesel.</u> (Galls.)	<u>Mileage.</u>
<u>1963.</u>					
April.....	3,353	292	1,335	253	2,268
May.....	3,290	270	1,228	267	2,278
June.....	3,053	103	595	273	2,624
July.....	3,365	125	731	317	3,002
August.....	3,186	103	526	319	2,947
September...	3,102	94	615	296	2,763
October.....	3,435	129	727	356	3,054
November....	3,071	105	596	315	2,744
December....	3,217	112	658	326	2,715
<u>1964</u>					
January.....	3,649	140	749	338	2,962
February....	3,062	170	833	286	2,376
March.....	3,246	100	716	302	2,777
TOTALS...	39,029	1,743	9,309	3,648	32,510

TABLE 3.

A. SALVAGE SALES - 1963/4.

	Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper.	445	0	3	1	3,610.	16.	3.
Iron.	26	13	6	0	109.	9.	1.
Non Ferrous.	3	10	3	4	212.	14.	9.
Textiles.	18	4	3	23	404.	13.	3.
	<u>493</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,337.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>4.</u>

B. CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

<u>Year ending.</u>	Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	£.	s.	d.
31st March, 1963.	454	2	3	9	3,968.	8	9
31st March, 1962.	457	7	0	24	4,131.	12.	4.
31st March, 1961.	419	3	1	24	3,610.	0.	11.
31st March, 1960.	353	17	2	4	3,150.	6	2.

C.	£.	s.	d.
Total Salvage Bonus.....	1,084.	11.	11.
Yearly average per man.....	46.	2.	2.
Weekly average per man.....		17.	9.

Tipmens bonus for materials recovered from tip amounted to £7. 10s. 9d. each for the year.

TABLE 4.

CESSPOOL STATISTICS.

<u>Year ending 31st March.</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Number of jobs.....	2755	2506	2779	2187	2275	2783
Number of loads.....	5779	5294	4813	4807	5211	7083

A substantial increase on last year using three vehicles most of the year - 508 jobs - 1,872 loads.

Total approximate content disposed of 4,958,100 gallons.

Income from wet scavenging £1,608. 0s. 0d.

TABLE 5.

BONUS ON WET SCAVENGING.

Cesspools	£236. 1s. 10d.	Buckets	£62. 8s. 0d.
Total	£298. 9s. 10d.		

Average per man	No. 4 Tanker	£1. 1s. 0d.	per week.
"	" No. 3 Tanker	£1. 6s. 0d.	per week.
"	" No. 2 Tanker	11s. 6d.	per week.

No. 2 Tanker not full time on wet scavenging but received proportion of General Scavenging bonus when on that work.

TABLE 6.

A. <u>Contracts operative 31st March, 1964.</u>		
Bramshill.	2	Contracts comprise :-
Crondall/Ewshot.	11	Twice Weekly. 1
Crookham.	1	Weekly. 3
Dogmersfield.	6	Fortnightly. 7
Eversley.	25	Monthly. 14
Greywell.	-	6 Weekly. 4
Hartley Wintney.	16	2 Monthly. 10
Hawley.	17	Quarterly. 34
Heckfield.	3	4 Monthly. 9
Hook.	6	Half Yearly. 91
Long Sutton.	6	Annually. 5
Mattingley.	2	—
Odiham.	7	178
Rotherwick.	9	==
South Warnborough.	2	In addition to the above the
Winchfield.	12	following cesspools are emp-
Yateley.	19	tied at regular intervals at
Council Property.	24	non-contract rates :-
W. D. Property.	10	Weekly. 1
	—	Fortnightly. 4
	178	Monthly. 6
	==	6 Weekly. 1
A reduction of 29 on last year.		2 Monthly. 3
		Quarterly. 21
		4 Monthly. 2
		Half Yearly. 28
		—
		(An increase of 30) 66
		—
		New cesspools emptied for
		first time during year 97
B. <u>BUCKET SERVICE.</u>		
Crondall/Ewshot.	45	
Eversley.	33	
Hartley Wintney.	18	
Hawley.	4	
Hook.	17	
Mattingley.	13	
Odiham.	16	
Rotherwick.	4	
Winchfield.	1	
Yateley.	22	
	<u>183</u>	
A reduction on last year of	10.	

